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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on December 23, 2006, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for one month. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: